## PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT DEFINITIONS NOVEMBER 19, 2009

**Description of the amendment:** Add the following definitions to Chapter 22.80 (Land Use Ordinance) and Chapter 23.11 (Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance).

## **DEFINITIONS**

Best Management Practices (BMPs). Best management practices means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce stormwater pollutions. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

**Excavation.** Any activity by which earth, sand, gravel, rock or any other similar material is dug into, cut quarried, uncovered, removed, displaced, relocated or bulldozed and shall include the conditions resulting thereof. Excavation excludes activities associated with crop production, such as cultivation, disking, harrowing, raking or chiseling, planting, plowing, seeding, or other tilling.

**Impervious.** A surface that is incapable of being penetrated or passed through.

**Low Impact Development (LID) Handbook.** The County of San Luis Obispo Low Impact Development Handbook, which is on file with the Department of Planning and Building and the Department of Public Works.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). See "stormwater conveyance system."

**Permit, General.** The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (No. CAS000004) issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, including subsequent amendments or modifications.

**Permit, General Construction.** The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (No. CAS000002) issued by the State Water Resourced Control Board, including subsequent amendments or modifications.

**Permit Holder.** The landowner and/or responsible party acting on behalf of the landowner.

**Redevelopment.** The creation or addition of at least 5,000 square feet of impervious area on an already developed site. This includes, but is not limited to: the expansion of a building footprint or addition of a structure; structural development including an increase in gross floor area and/ or exterior construction or remodeling; and land disturbing activities related with structural or impervious surfaces.

**Regulated Development.** Any development on private land that is not heavy industrial, crop production/grazing, or single-family residential. The category includes, but is not limited to: hospitals, laboratories and other medical facilities, educational institutions, recreational facilities, plant nurseries, multi-apartment buildings, car wash facilities, mini-malls and other business complexes, shopping malls, hotels, office buildings, public warehouses and other light industrial complexes.

**Residence, Single-Family Hillside.** Any single family residence that involves development on slopes steeper than 10 percent.

**Site Disturbance.** Any activity that involves clearing, grubbing, grading, or disturbances to the ground such as stockpiling or excavation

**Stormwater Conveyance System.** A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that are:

- 1. Owned and operated by the County of San Luis Obispo
- 2. Designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water;
- 3. Which is not a combined sewer; and
- 4. Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as defined at 40 Code of Federal Regulations §122.2.

**Storm Event** - A rainfall event that produces more than 0.1 inch of precipitation and which is separated from the previous storm event by at least 72 hours of dryweather.